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SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR COMMENTS ON

SUBJECT:

1. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION AUGUST 23, ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO MAURITANIA, SALEH BENKOBBI, REITERATED TO EMB OFF THAT ALGERIAN POLICY ON SPANISH SAHARA HAS NOT CHANGED. IT CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT LIKELIHOOD OF FOUR-COUNTRY CONFERENCE ON SAHARA AS REQUESTED BY SPAIN, BENKOBBI COMMENTED THAT THIS PROSPECT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY. HE SUMMARILY DISMISSED AS INACCURATE CURRENT REPORTS THAT CONFERENCE WILL SOON TAKE PLACE.

3. RATHER SURPRISINGLY, BENKOBBI THEN VOLUNTEERED " PERSONAL VIEW" THAT SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SPANISH SAHARA DOES NOT MAKE MUCH SENSE. DUE TO COMMONALITY OF CUSTOMS AND PEOPLE IN SPANISH SAHARA AND MAURITANIA, HE ARGUED THAT ENTIRE TERRITORY SHOULD BE INTEGRATED WITH MAURITANIA. HE SUGGESTED THAT PROPOSAL  
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